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### **Tobin Foundation, DATI Find Common Ground**

Francis J. Filliben, Tobin Foundation for the Visually Impaired

The Tobin Foundation for the Visually Impaired has contacted DATI to determine how its resources can best be partnered with those of DATI to provide additional assistance to Delawareans with disabilities, specifically those with visual problems.

Founded in 1986 and officially incorporated as a nonprofit in 1987, the Tobin Foundation is a volunteer organization headquartered in Wilmington. For nearly 20 years it has helped to bring greater freedom and independence to many visually impaired men, women, and children in the First State. It was founded by eight Delawareans in memory of their friend, former DuPont executive Bill Tobin, who had a history of quietly aiding less fortunate people, particularly those with visual disabilities. Emphasizing this, the founders created an acronym for TOBIN—"Touching Our Blind In Need."

Tobin's partnership with DATI is an expansion of both organizations' continuing efforts to extend assistance to individuals with disabilities in Delaware. Through the years, Tobin volunteers have been able to improve the quality of life for many blind and other visually impaired individuals by providing them with guide dogs, computers, customized accessories, and special training personalized to meet specific needs.

For years, Tobin has partnered with Guiding Eyes for the Blind of Yorktown Heights, New York, and co-sponsored 20 guide dogs bred and trained by Guiding Eyes. These exceptional dogs have brought greater freedom and independence to their blind partners throughout the state, including recipients in Wilmington, Newark, Magnolia, and Seaford.

In the early 1990s, Tobin initiated a program to provide specialized computers and equipment to qualifying individuals with visual

impairments. In the mid-1990s, the Foundation established a Computer Training & Technology Center where new vocational rehabilitation clients could be trained and tested before Tobin provided them computer hardware and software. In 1997, Tobin, in conjunction with its long relationship with the Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired (DVI), conducted a survey to identify blind and visually impaired students in Delaware's K-12 public schools. Since then, the Tobin Foundation has continued to provide home computers to eligible students, as well as adults.

In the past few years, Tobin also has partnered with Independent Resources, Inc. (IRI). IRI has developed a computer training program for visually impaired people motivated to pursue independent living. A number of IRI-trained individuals have qualified to receive a home computer system customized and installed by volunteers of the Tobin Foundation.

There is no charge for equipment or services provided by Tobin. Funds for Tobin's activities are obtained through contributions from individuals, businesses, charitable foundations, and by fundraising events such as the annual "Tobin Open" Golf Tournament, the Tobin "Eating Extravaganza" (scheduled for September), and membership in the Foundation's "1200 Club" (named in recognition of the fact that there are an estimated 1,200 sightless people in Delaware).

At its upcoming board meeting, directors of the Foundation will review how Tobin can complement the activities of DATI and authorize details of a program with DATI to provide additional support to Delaware's visually impaired citizens. All contacts with the program will be through DATI.

## **I Want ThAT!**

Dan Fendler, AT Specialist, Sussex County ATRC

It has been a while since I have been to a large AT trade show, so when I attended California State University Northridge's Annual International Conference, *Technology and Persons with Disabilities*, earlier this year, I have to admit I was overwhelmed. There was so much new stuff! It was truly a daunting task to explore a show that

spanned two hotels and over a dozen separate halls in a few short days. I will try and give you a taste of some of the exciting new offerings I discovered.

## **Cell Phones**

People often complain about cell phones. I hear it all the time—can't make them loud enough, screens are too small, no voice output. In order to understand what options are available for those with visual impairment, you will need to understand a little about cell phone technology. The terms GSM and CDMA represent standards of communication protocols that the various different cell phone companies use to handle their digital calling networks. There are additional protocols, but I will limit my discussion to these two, since it appears that GSM and CDMA are the dominant protocols. From what I have read, it appears that GSM, or some combination of GSM and CDMA, will become the global wireless standard. A standard should ease the compatibility issues between carriers and may ultimately result in lower development costs (which should translate into lower prices and potentially more features). GSM is the technology that carriers like **Cingular** and **SunCom**<sup>™</sup> use on their mobile phone networks. CDMA is the technology that carriers like **Sprint**<sup>™</sup> and **Verizon** use on theirs. The two are incompatible with each other. The operating system (the graphical user interface that you use when you use your phone) known as **Symbian** is found only on GSM phones. At this point in time, the greatest number of accessibility options exists for GSM phones running the **Symbian** operating system. Here is what is available for the two different technologies:

### **CDMA**

CDMA cell phones have built-in voice recognition and voice output. This is the approach taken by the CDMA carriers like **Sprint**, **Alltel**, and **Verizon**. **Verizon** markets phones such as the **LG VX4500** and **LG VX4700**. **Alltel** sells the **LG AX4750**. These phones offer some basic options including voice dialing, audio Caller ID, and audio phone status. Entering contacts into the phone book is also accessible. The phones offer inexpensive solutions without email or text messaging. **US Cellular** markets a similar LG phone, the **LX5550**, but it cannot be upgraded to the **VX4500** standard. It lacks a phone status which provides the audible battery and signal strength indicator. **Sprint** sells the **Toshiba VM4050**, which has voice dialing

and voice guidance. Voice guidance provides talking Caller ID and phone status. **Sprint** also markets the **Samsung™ VI660** and **MM-A700** with **VoiceSignal®**. **VoiceSignal** allows voice dialing, voice commands, and phone status. The main advantage is that it is free, but do not expect accessible email and text messaging.



*Verizon LG VX4500*

## **GSM**

The **Symbian** operating system allows third party software to be developed and installed on phones that run it. A Spanish company, **Code Factory**, has developed several applications that make compatible GSM phones very accessible for users with visual impairment. **Mobile Speak** is a screen reader for mobile phones. It provides speech feedback that can help you navigate through the phone's functions. It also includes bundled software, such as **Code Factory's** accessible calculator, an accessible sound recorder, a game, an MP3 player, and **FExplorer**, a file-system browser. **Mobile Speak** allows a free trial license so you can test the software with no restrictions for one month.



**Symbian** OS cell phones are typically made by **Nokia** and are GSM, so the major carriers include **Cingular** and **T-Mobile**. The accessible software designed for those who are blind and visually impaired includes **Cingular TALKS** and **Code Factory's Mobile Magnifier**, **Mobile Accessibility**, and **Mobile Speak**, which are compatible with the **Nokia 3650, 3660, 6600, 6620, 6670, 7610, and N-Gage QD**.

**Symbian** offers the most flexibility to enable use of almost all of the phone's features. It allows the user to text message and email. The disadvantage is the cost. You have to pay extra for the accessible software. If you have one of the phones listed above, check out **Code Factory's** website at [www.codefactory.es](http://www.codefactory.es). You can download a 30 day trial version of the **Mobile Speak** software.

### **Personal Digital Assistants**

Personal Digital Assistants, also known as PDAs, or handheld computers, have become powerful enough to provide voice output. This is an extremely important development for users who are blind or have very limited vision. This opens up access to many mainstream applications, because the new devices rely on added software, not expensive hardware, to give access.

**Optelec** has developed the **EasyLink**, a PDA solution that combines an **HP iPAQ Pocket PC** and a Bluetooth Braille keyboard. The **iPAQ** is equipped with **Dec-Talk** speech that can be used for the reading of data through its internal speakers or through headphones.



*Optelec EasyLink*

The **EasyLink** can also be used with full-size Bluetooth wireless keyboards. For pricing information, call **Optelec** at (800) 828-1056.

### **MP3 Players and Text-to-Speech Files**

While not new, those ubiquitous MP3 players have now morphed into important tools for those who have reading difficulties.

Now, anyone with an MP3 player and access to text-to-speech software can create audio files out of any digitized text. Think of the potential of this powerful technology. Any text that is in a digital form

can be turned into voice files—files that you can listen to anywhere you go. It's all available at an extremely affordable price. If you do not have access to text-to-speech software, **NaturalReader** is available free of cost. It will allow you to make voice files of any digitized text you have. **NaturalReader** is available at [www.naturalreaders.com](http://www.naturalreaders.com).

As always, if you have any questions about these promising new technologies, please give your local ATRC a call.

## **Medicare Wheelchair Coverage Modified**

Eliza Hirst, Staff Attorney, Disabilities Law Program

After experiencing widespread fraud regarding wheelchair coverage, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) plans to implement a broad policy change for funding wheelchairs, scooters, and other power operated vehicles effective July 5, 2005.<sup>1</sup> CMS overhauled its current coverage determination system to consider more individualized circumstances and functional limitations of Medicare beneficiaries. Most significant among the changes is the elimination of the requirement that a beneficiary be “bed or chair confined” to receive Medicare coverage for a wheelchair. Although the new approach for determination of wheelchair coverage may be more burdensome and not as sweeping as many disability advocates would want, CMS’s policy change is nonetheless a positive step to increase self-sufficiency, mobility, and greater integration for individuals with mobility impairments.

### **Background for the CMS Policy Change**

Medicare funds mobility assistive equipment (MAE) that is “reasonable and necessary for beneficiaries who need assistance with mobility-related activities of daily living such as toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, and bathing in customary locations in the home.”<sup>2</sup> MAE includes wheelchairs, power operated vehicles, and scooters. However, the federal regulations regarding MAE limit funding to equipment that has a medical purpose and is appropriate

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout the article, I will refer to wheelchairs broadly to include all power operated vehicles.

<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(n)

for use in the home.<sup>3</sup>

Currently, Medicare pays over \$1.2 billion every year for wheelchairs and other mobility assistive equipment. The cost of a single wheelchair is upward of \$5,000. Not surprisingly, with a burgeoning budget and the threat of Medicare insolvency estimated for 2020,<sup>4</sup> CMS is making every effort to reduce costs. Prior to the policy change, CMS confronted excessive abuses in requests for wheelchair coverage. During the last five years, CMS has recovered over \$84 million in wheelchair fraud through “Operation Wheeler Dealer.” CMS found that fraud stemmed from the loose standard for Medicare’s coverage of wheelchairs.

Therefore, in an effort to revamp its policy on wheelchair coverage and safeguard against fraud, CMS created a Modern Mobility Initiative in April 2004. This initiative included three major changes. First, CMS changed the definition of when a patient meets the criteria for coverage. Second, CMS changed the caps for Medicare payments of wheelchairs, based on individual needs and circumstances. Third, CMS created standards and an accreditation program for bidders and suppliers of wheelchairs to root out fraud. With a new “algorithmic approach” in place, CMS plans to broaden its assessment for qualified beneficiaries.

### **The New Approach**

CMS created an algorithmic approach to determine Medicare coverage, which asks nine questions of potential beneficiaries regarding use of a wheelchair “in the home:”

1. Does the beneficiary have a mobility limitation causing an inability to perform one or more mobility-related activities of daily living in the home?
2. Are there other conditions that limit the beneficiary’s ability to perform mobility-related activities of daily living at home?

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<sup>3</sup> 42 C.F.R. Section 414.202

<sup>4</sup> Estimates range from 2019 to 2024, [www.house.gov/budget\\_democrats/pres\\_budgets/fy2002/april\\_analysis/solvency.htm](http://www.house.gov/budget_democrats/pres_budgets/fy2002/april_analysis/solvency.htm).

3. If these other limitations exist, can the use of mobility equipment enable the beneficiary to perform mobility-related activities of daily living in the home?
4. Is the beneficiary willing and able to consistently operate the wheelchair safely?
5. Will the purchase of a low-tech piece of AT (e.g., cane) be more cost effective and efficient?
6. Does the beneficiary's home support the use of a wheelchair?
7. Is the beneficiary able to use a manual wheelchair for tasks during a typical day?
8. Is the beneficiary able to use a power-operated vehicle (POV or scooter) for tasks during a typical day?
9. Are the additional features provided by a power wheelchair needed to allow the beneficiary to perform one or more mobility-related activities of daily living?

### **Benefits of CMS's Policy Change**

The new approach will calculate an individual's need based on his or her independent functional ability without assistance.<sup>5</sup> More specifically, a beneficiary will be deemed eligible for wheelchair funding if the beneficiary is unable to move through her home. CMS will also provide wheelchair coverage for a beneficiary who is able to walk with the assistance of a caregiver, but can not walk independently without support.

Despite CMS's elimination of the "bed and chair confined" requirement, CMS still determined it is limited to funding wheelchairs for activities of daily living for use "in the home." However, a beneficiary is not limited to use the equipment strictly inside of the home. The beneficiary is entitled to use the wheelchair out in the community or in a variety of settings. With this policy change, CMS believes that it will not only crack down on fraud, but also will "ensur[e] that a beneficiary's functional status and individual circumstances are considered so that the most appropriate

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<sup>5</sup> Steve Phurrough, Louis Jacques, Shamiram Feinglass, Karen Daily: Decision Memo Medicare Improves Access to Power Wheelchairs and Scooters, Part III History of Medicare Coverage and Figure 1(8) Public Comments, May 5, 2005, available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=143>.

technology for each beneficiary's personal needs is covered..."<sup>6</sup>

### **Criticism of the CMS Changes**

While CMS's change to wheelchair coverage is a step in the right direction, the change falls short of what many advocates and people with disabilities hoped would be an opportunity to create greater access to wheelchairs. Critics of the new policy believe that many individuals with mobility impairments will continue to be left in the lurch because the policy ignores the realities and the challenges people with disabilities face on a daily basis outside of their homes.<sup>7</sup>

First, many advocates believe that CMS construed the "in the home" requirement for wheelchairs too rigidly. The "in the home" requirement was originally placed in the regulations to distinguish Medicare Part B services from Medicare's funding for equipment in an institutional or residential treatment facility.<sup>8</sup> The "in the home" requirement was never intended to mean that the wheelchair equipment be limited to use in a beneficiary's home. Advocates, such as ARC, United Cerebral Palsy, and the Assistive Technology Law Center, remain concerned that individuals who have the ability to move around in some form in their home with the use of a cane, crutch, or a manual wheelchair will not be candidates for power wheelchairs under the new approach, even if these same individuals need power wheelchairs to navigate outside of their homes.<sup>9</sup>

Second, many advocates believe that CMS should include mobility as an activity of daily living, since it is such an essential part of self-sufficiency.<sup>9</sup> Completion of activities such as feeding, grooming, and

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<sup>6</sup> Barry Straub, M.D., CMS Acting Chief Medical Officer and Acting Director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality CMS Office of External Affairs, May 5, 2005, Medicare Improves Access to Power Wheelchairs and Scooters.

<sup>7</sup> Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., *Restrictions Remain on Power Wheelchairs and Other Assistive Devices*, 2005, available at [www.medicareadvocacy.org](http://www.medicareadvocacy.org).

<sup>8</sup> Comments regarding the CMS Proposed Criteria issued on Feb. 3, 2005, James Sheldon, Steven Elliot, Jennifer Giesen, March 7, 2005, page 18.

<sup>9</sup> Comments from The Assistive Technology Law Center, The American Association of People with Disabilities, The ARC, United Cerebral Palsy, and American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Public Comment for Mobility Assistance Devices available at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewpubliccomments.asp?nca\\_id=143](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewpubliccomments.asp?nca_id=143).

dressing requires individuals to travel outside of their homes to buy food, toiletries, and clothes. Unfortunately, CMS's new policy may still restrict people with mobility impairments from going to doctors' appointments, running errands, or performing other functions related to activities of daily living if they are denied wheelchair coverage under the new approach.<sup>9</sup> In addition, CMS's new approach does not adequately account for when a caregiver is unavailable, or when individuals with a mobility impairment cannot move around in their homes due to a temporary change in circumstances.

Third, and of greatest concern for many advocates, is that CMS's new policy continues to isolate people with mobility impairments. People with disabilities will not only continue to be dependent on in-home caregivers or antiquated equipment to navigate through activities of daily living, but will also continue to be excluded from participating in community activities such as going to the movies, visiting with friends, attending religious services, or going to work on a daily basis.<sup>9</sup> As society shifts toward more acceptance and awareness of people with disabilities, CMS's policy may ultimately fail to respond to our communal obligation to break down existing barriers for people with disabilities.

## **Conclusion**

At this stage, it is far too early to determine whether the change in CMS's National Coverage Determination for wheelchairs will have a dramatic effect on creating greater independence for individuals with mobility impairments, or whether the change will lead to continued isolation. On the whole, the policy overhaul is a step in the right direction to remove obstacles for individuals with mobility impairments in their homes, and to a greater extent, in the community. However, governmental change often happens slowly through incremental steps. CMS's elimination of the harsh "bed or chair confined" standard is likely to increase coverage to a larger number of beneficiaries in need of mobility assistance. In the meantime, the disability community can continue to encourage CMS to expand wheelchair coverage for use outside of the home as part of our commitment to foster self-sufficiency and increase community participation for people with disabilities.

## **Variety – The Children’s Charity Comes to Delaware**

Variety – The Children’s Charity is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children with disabilities through programs and services. These programs and services are designed to address a child’s physical, social, medical, educational, and recreational needs without regard for economic status, race, creed, gender, or type of disability.

Variety of Greater Philadelphia has been serving children with physical and developmental disabilities since 1935. On March 28, 2005, Variety opened an office in Delaware.

Variety offers various programs and initiatives including Direct Care for Kids. Direct Care is a last resort medical program for families in need. This program provides necessary medical equipment for children whose insurance companies refuse coverage. Variety ensures that families and children receive equipment such as wheelchairs, prostheses, car seats, and educational/recreational components—all of which help to better a child’s life.

Direct Care for Kids is a volunteer administered program. Physical therapists, children’s hospitals and clinics, and other health care professionals contact Variety on behalf of the child in need of durable medical equipment and devices. Variety then obtains the best price from several vendors, places the order, and the equipment is delivered directly to the child’s home. There is never a fee charged to the family or hospital.

In this age of managed care health systems and the cost-cutting measures that are epidemic, children with disabilities that need specialized equipment often fall through the cracks. Managed care will often pay a small portion, or none, of the cost of equipment such as wheelchairs, standers, and walkers. The Direct Care Program bridges that gap and gets the equipment directly to the children and their families.

Contact the Delaware division of Variety at (302) 993-0896 or visit them online at [www.varietyphila.org](http://www.varietyphila.org).

## The AT Bargain Basement

Marvin Williams, AT Specialist, Kent County ATRC

Hello, true believers, and welcome to the summer blockbuster installment of the AT Bargain Basement. I will be taking your ticket as you enter the theater and watch billions of bargains race by you at lightning speed. OK, maybe not billions and maybe not at lightning speed, but there will be bargains. Oh yes, there will be bargains! For those of you who are new to the Basement, the rules are simple—I find all of the AT bargains I can for \$100 or less and tell you where to get them. I have decided to drop my rule restricting bargains to only those available through local shops. I will now include Internet bargains as well. There are just too many bargains to be had online to not fill you in on them. Now that the introductions are out of the way, let's get to the bargains!

As many of you regular readers know, one of my favorite places to look for bargains is **Wal-Mart®**. Well, I have found some assistive listening bargains there that surprised even me. I found three products by **Clarity** that can make talking on the telephone less of a chore for those of us who have some hearing difficulty. The first item is the **Clarity WR100 Extra Loud Phone Ringer**. The **Extra Loud Phone Ringer** gives you a nice and loud 95 dB ringer, which is a lot louder than the ringer on a regular telephone. It also has a red flasher on it to provide a visual cue when the phone is ringing. Since the ringer is battery operated, you can take it with you on vacation. Now, the manufacturer lists the ringer's sale price at \$29.95, but I found it at **Wal-Mart** in Milford for \$24.92. Not a bad savings.



*Clarity WR100 Extra Loud Phone Ringer*

Right next to the **Extra Loud Phone Ringer**, I found another nifty **Clarity** product, the **CE-125 Portable Phone Amplifier**. Now, this

amplifier is an in-line device, meaning it is installed between the phone handset and the phone base. This device will not work on cordless phones. It is nice and compact, yet the controls are large enough for easy use. It is battery powered, so it too can go with you on vacation. It is a nice thing to take with you to use with a hotel telephone if regular phones are not loud enough. This amplifier is also available at the Milford **Wal-Mart** for \$24.92. The amplification is adjustable up to 25 dB, which is loud, but may not be exactly what everyone needs. As with this and anything else you get, make sure you save the receipt so that if it does not work with your telephone, you can take it back for a refund. You can also borrow similar amplifiers from the Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC) nearest you for a free trial. That way, you can make sure it will work for you before you buy it.

The third **Clarity** product I found is the **W1000 Amplified Telephone**. This phone is nice because it includes the amplifier in it. It provides a 26 dB volume boost. It also has a red flasher on the corner for a visual alert that the phone is ringing. Also, the large buttons are easier to see. The phone will not work with a digital exchange (i.e., an office setting), and it is not cordless. Still, for a corded phone, it is an excellent value. The manufacturer suggested retail price is \$109.95; **Wal-Mart** has it for the unbeatable price of \$34.88, a 68 percent savings! A very similar phone is available for loan through the ATRCs, so why not borrow it to make sure it will work for you before you spend any money?

If you are looking for a cordless telephone, **Uniden®** offers a phone with frequency and volume enhancement that is very attractive for a low price. The Uniden EZI996 Loud & Clear Cordless Phone is not only a nice looking phone, but it packs a lot of features in a model that is friendly for those with hearing impairments. In addition to the audio boost, it also has flashers on the base and handsets to let you know when the phone is ringing. If you have voice mail through your phone service provider, the flashers will also let you know when you have a message. The large back-lit buttons are nice for those who need bigger buttons to dial. It also comes with some standard features such as Caller ID/Call Waiting compatible, ten memory locations for storing numbers, headset compatibility, and one-touch emergency number dialing. The **Uniden** factory store has this phone

listed at \$65.99, but I found it for \$38.82 at the Milford **Wal-Mart**. We do not have this particular phone in our inventory, but we do have a similar cordless amplified phone by **Clarity** that costs \$99.99 from **Radio Shack**. That phone is also available for loan from the ATRC nearest you.

I could keep listing all of the bargains I found at **Wal-Mart** from the jumbo display clock radio (\$18.83) to **Alaska Jack's Power Knife** (\$7.96), but there isn't enough space. So head over to your local **Wal-Mart** and see what they've got.

My last bargain for this issue of the Basement is a personal alert system that does not require a monthly maintenance fee. The **Personal Assistance Voice Dialer** costs only \$49.95 from [www.x10.com](http://www.x10.com). For \$49.95, you get the base unit and a pendant you wear that activates the system when there is trouble. Once the pendant is activated, the unit will call four numbers you have programmed and play a prerecorded message stating that there is an emergency at your address. The device then allows those you called to listen in on the room where the unit is located. It also sounds a loud siren and can flash lights in the house if they are connected to X10 modules. The flashing lights help emergency crews find your house more easily than if nothing was happening. You get all of this for a one-time payment of \$49.95, and you can purchase additional pendant transmitters if desired. Now, considering that other personal alert systems can cost upwards of \$30 a month, that is a good deal for a one-time payment that provides lasting protection. I also understand that we have a similar system available for loan from the New Castle ATRC. If you can use such a system, it is worth looking into to see if it will meet your needs.



*X10 Personal Assistance Voice Dialer and Pendant*

That does it for this installment of the Basement. I will see you back here next time. If you have any bargains you would like to share, please contact me, and I will make sure you are credited for your find. And remember, just because it is cheap, does not mean it is a bargain!

## **iCommunicator Helps Bridge the Gap**

Eden Melmed, AT Specialist, New Castle County ATRC

The **iCommunicator**<sup>™</sup> software facilitates two-way communication between the hearing world and a person who is deaf or hard of hearing by instantly converting speech to text and video sign language.

How this software works is fairly simple. The speaker creates a voice profile and transmits to the end user's computer. The software then translates the speech into three different formats: text, video sign language, and computer generated speech. The multiple formats give the user a variety of access methods to the audio information. The computer generated speech can be amplified or transmitted to a personal assistive hearing device. All of these created files can be saved for future reference.

The **iCommunciator** program is being used in K-12 education, post-secondary institutions, government, and public access sites. It is a useful accommodation for daily workplace communication, ad hoc meetings, classroom applications, public venues such as libraries, and in emergency situations.

For more information about **iCommunicator**, visit [www.mycommunicator.com](http://www.mycommunicator.com), call (800) 245-2133, or contact your local ATRC.

## **Delaware Recycles Assistive Technology**

If you are interested in an item, please call the number listed next to the item. If you would like to add or remove an item from the list,

please visit the AT Exchange on the Web at [www.dati.org/exchange/index.php](http://www.dati.org/exchange/index.php) or call the DATI Georgetown office at (302) 856-1081. All prices are negotiable and all area codes are 302 unless otherwise noted. An up-to-date exchange list is available at [www.dati.org/exchange/index.php](http://www.dati.org/exchange/index.php).

## **Devices Available**

### **Ambulation/Positioning**

Cane, adj, stainless steel, \$10, Carolyn, 369-9372

Canes, walkers, commodes, etc., loaned or given, Cindy, 854-9555

Carrie seat, Tumble Forms, elementary blue, footrest, free, Alma, 739-6885

Crutches, Guardian, forearm, BO, Jenny, 631-6813

Crutches, adult, \$5, Tim or Sheila, 697-8404

Gait trainer, Rifton, 25", beige, free, Alma, 739-6885

Gait trainer, Rifton, 19", blue w/handhold bars, communication tray, seat, \$100 or BO, Jone, 376-5637

Gait trainer, Rifton, pediatric, 35-48" height, BO, Jenny, 631-6813

Gait trainer walker, free, Verna, 652-3092

Heui armsling, adj strap between the cuffs, free, Sandy, 856-7946

High rise chair leg extenders, BeOK, adj from 3-7", free, Sandy, 856-7946

Pony gait trainer, sz 1, padded seat and chest support, tray attachment, very good cond, \$800 or BO, Janet, 698-5451

Pony gait trainer, sz 0, padded seat and chest support, push handle, excel cond, \$800 or BO, Janet, 698-5451

Positioning wedges neonate, MEDco, large, 17x8", free, Sandy, 856-7946

Positioning wedges neonate, MEDco, med, 16x7", free, Sandy, 856-7946

Positioning wedges neonate, MEDco, lateral wedge (small), 13x4", free, Sandy, 856-7946

Posterior walker, Buggy, 34-45" height, age 2-6 yrs, BO, Jenny, 631-6813

Posterior walker, Guardian, age 3-6 yrs, BO, Jenny, 631-6813

Pressure mattress, inflatable, single bed, used to reduce risk of pressure sores, excel cond, \$100, Mara, 227-5848

Quad canes, Kaye, 2 sets, small and med, BO, Jenny, 631-6813

Rifton chair, pediatric, arms, seat depth 10.75", seat width 11", adj angle seat back and height/angle, footrest w/straps,ommel, tray, excel cond, \$100, Leanna, 836-0866

Sling for pneumatic lift, Hoyer, for transfer from bed to chair, wheelchair, or commode, never used, free, Dorothy, 731-5835

Stair elevator, United Lifts, electric lift for 6 steps in split-level home, leather-cushioned back and arm rest, very good cond, \$900 or BO, orig \$3,000, Dorothy, 731-5835

Stander, Giraffe by SnugSeat, prone, supine or upright, activity and support tray, excel cond, \$300 or BO orig \$1,760, Jone, 376-5637

Stander, pediatric, free, Verna, 652-3092

Velcro walking belt, sz med, tan, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Walker, excel cond, free, Joan, 475-2312

Walker, Kaye, posture control, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Walker, junior sz, does not fold, adj height, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Walker, adj, excel cond, \$25 or BO, Joseph R, 645-4915

Walker, pediatric, 2-3 yrs old, free, Verna, 652-3092

Walker, Rifton, adj sz, blue, 4 wheels, small seating area, excel cond, free, Diane, 283-1390

Walker seat, blue denim w/ring supports on each corner, free, Sandy, 856-7946

## **Communication**

DynaVox 2c desk mount kit, black w/silver mounting plate, can be used on desk, table, floor, free, Alma, 739-6885

Dynamyte 3100, 2 yrs left on inclusive warranty, very good cond, \$850 or BO, Linda, 325-2488

Easy Talk 8 carry case, black, soft padded, shoulder strap, free, Alma, 739-6885

Keyguards, Vanguard 45-Loc Keyguard, AlphaTalk 4- and 8-Loc Operating Kits, DeltaTalker 32-Loc Operating Kit, never used, free, Cathy, 328-2872

Optical headpointer, for Liberator, DeltaTalker, AlphaTalker, AlphaTalker II, Light Talker, and IntroTalker, never used, free, Cathy, 328-2872

## **Computers/Software**

A Silly Noise House (Mac, Win), free, Alma, 739-6885

Bake-N-Taste (IBM), 3.5 and 5.25" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Calculus (Mac), free, Sandy, 856-7946

Cause and Effect (PC, MS-DOS), Ver 2.0, 3.5" disk, free, Alma, 739-6885

Co:Writer (Mac), Ver 1.1 and 2.0, 3.5" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Co:Writer 1.1 (Mac), free, Sandy, 856-7946

Comparison Shopping (MS-DOS), Ver 2.0, from Life Skills Series, 3.5" disk, free, Alma, 739-6885

Dr. Peet's Talk/Writer, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Fact or Opinion (IBM, MS-DOS), Ver 2.0, 3.5" disk, free, Alma, 739-6885

Geometry (Mac), free, Sandy, 856-7946

HandiCODE, Ver 2.09, 3.5 and 5.25" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

HandiKEY (MS-DOS), Ver 2.17, 3.5 and 5.25" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

HandiSHIFT (Win), 3.5 and 5.25" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Island of Dr. Brain (IBM, MS-DOS), Ver 1.0, 3.5" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Keyguard, ComputAbility, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Keyguard, single square, very good cond, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Keyguard, 9 square, very good cond, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Keyguard, 4 square, very good cond, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Keyguard (Mac), free, Sandy, 856-7946

KidTime PC, 3.5 and 5.25" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

MACnificent 7 Education & Games (Mac), CD-ROM, free, Alma, 739-6885

MY TOWN: Language Activities of Daily Living, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Math Magic (Mac), free, Sandy, 856-7946

McGee (IBM), free, Sandy, 856-7946

McGee (IBM), 3.5 and 5.25" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

McGee (Mac), free, Sandy, 856-7946

McGee (Mac), 3.5" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Mickey's ABCs/A Day at the Fair (Win, MS-DOS), 5.25" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Monsters & Make Believe (MS-DOS), 3.5" disk, free, Alma, 739-6885

Muppet Learning Key Keyboard (Win), never used, free, Alma, 739-6885

Mutanoid Math Challenge (IBM), Ver 2.1, 3.5" disk, free, Alma, 739-6885

Pepper's Adventures in Time (MS-DOS, Win), Ver 1.0, 3.5" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Printer, Umax, Astra 2000 U/P w/cables and manuals, free, Cindy, 945-6195

Say It All Plus Keyguard, free, Sandy, 856-7946

TC Writer, Apple II, talking word processor, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Talking Once Upon A Time Series, Vol. 3 (IBM, MS-DOS), Ver 1.4, 3.5" disk, free, Alma, 739-6885

Touch window, Edmark, attaches over 15" IBM compatible computer monitor, works w/all computer software, excel cond, \$100 or BO, Leanna, 836-0866

Trackball for Mac, Qtronix, detachable wrist support, button lock function, never used, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Ultimate Reader 32 Bit (Win), CAST, Ver 1.0, 3.5" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Using Credit (MS-DOS), Ver 2.0, from Life Skills Series, 3.5" disk, free, Alma, 739-6885

Using a Calendar (IBM for MS-DOS), 3.5" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

Word processor, Brother 3550, free, Tina, 836-9434

Yearn 2 Learn Peanuts (Mac), 3.5" disks, free, Alma, 739-6885

## **Hearing**

Hearing aid, Miracle Ear, right ear, can be tuned by hearing aid specialist, excel cond, \$800, orig \$2,500, Pamela, 764-1989

## **Home Management/Accessibility**

Accessible home, 100% ADA compliant w/elevator, located in New Castle/Red Lion area, owner financing available, \$179,900, Marie, 674-9085 or 838-7835 (ask for Eric)

Chair lift, Bruno, rated for 350 lbs, travels up 14 steps, swivel seat, power supply and instructions, excel cond, \$2,500 or BO, Bonnie, 832-2383

Electric power lift chair, recliner, blue, \$300 or BO, Jim, 541-0788

Power recliner, La-Z-Boy Luxury Lift, 4 mos old, dark green, excel cond, \$700 or BO, Shifrah, 477-1914

Geriatric chair, lays flat or reclines, feeding tray, excel cond, \$800 or BO, Nelson, 349-5714

L-shaped ramp, 14x18', wooden, you haul away, 4 steps high, \$200, Mara, 227-5848

Lift chair, yellow-brown, buyer must pick up, free, Emelia, 633-6644

Residential elevator, Minivator, services 2-story residence, opening is attractively concealed and can be securely walked on, call/send

buttons at each landing, excel cond, \$8,500 or BO, orig \$14,000, Al, 994-8902

Stair lift, StairChair, brown, rated for 240 lbs, \$500 or BO, Jeanie, 658-4238

Stair lift, Stannah 300, remote for downstairs and upstairs rail, swivels, seat belt, beige, very good cond, \$2,000, Anne, 235-2209

Transfer belt, large, \$10, Robert, 539-9407

Trifold ramp, 6' ramp, never used, \$1,000 or BO, Earline, 777-3201/leave a message on answering machine

### **Personal Care**

Bed, Beauty Rest, adj, full sz, electric w/remote control, excel cond, \$1,200 or BO, Norma, 995-9150

Bed table, \$50, Richard, 239-4243

Bedside commode, free, Maureen, 855-5855

Beside commode, excel cond, free, Joan, 475-2312

Commode chair, portable, \$20, Vanessa, 655-9840

Commode/shower PVC chair, like new, \$450, Anita, 284-3681

Compression boots, sz large, excel cond, free, Pat, 322-4115

High back toilet support, 14.5" wide, 18-24" high, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Hospital bed, motorized, x-long mattress, 4 yrs old, free, Anne, 478-8583

Hospital bed, Invacare, electric, \$500, Richard, 239-4243

Hospital bed, w/pressure relief mattress, used 2 mos, \$850 or BO, Virginia, 337-3555

Hoyer lift, large, netted sling, intended for use in shower and transferring, never used, \$100 or BO, Jamie, 678-4807

IV pole, \$10, Tim or Sheila, 697-8404

Knee immobilizer, pediatric, small and large (2 pair), BO, Jenny, 631-6813

Lift, Chiltern ceiling mounted, remote control, extra seats, will include manual wheelchair for free, BO, Nenette, 328-0817

Nebulizer, excel cond, \$75, Tom, 429-0502

Orthopedic shoes, European, pediatric, U.S. sz 7-8, BO, Jenny, 631-6813

Outdoor patio chair w/wheels, seat and back are nylon mesh, \$25, Tim or Sheila, 697-8404

Pediatric bed, track bed system w/adj foam pieces to aid in positioning, very good cond, free, Katie, 856-7364

Pediatric potty chair, Rifton, arms, adj floor to seat bottom height (8.25-12.5") and seat back depth, foot rest/straps, drop-in front splash guard, lateral support pads, tray, collection container slides out for cleaning, excel cond, \$100 or BO, Leanna, 836-0866

Right shoes, Reebok/Dexter/Cabin Creek, sz 8, assorted dress shoes sz 8, never used, free, Dorothy, 730-1794

Shower chairs (2), one w/and one w/o back, backless chair used twice, excel cond, BO, Terri, 570-588-0262

Shower seat, excel cond, free, Joan, 475-2312

Tub/shower chair, Slider, has back, arms, wheels, 3 pieces, no transferring necessary, white PVC pipe, blue mesh seat and back, excel cond, \$450 or BO, Sheila, 697-8404

## **Recreation**

A.P.T. active/passive trainer, great exercise or rehab machine for person w/MS, helps w/spasticity and prevention of atrophy, \$1,600, Lori, 290-0246

## **Scooters**

3-wheel scooter w/carrier and hitch, Victory Pride, red, less than 6 mos old, rated for 350 lbs, never used, \$2,500 or BO, John, 539-7179

Electric scooter, Rascal, \$850, Al, 945-4743

Electric scooter, REVO, 3-wheel, standard sz, battery and charger, \$2,000, orig \$8,000, Doris, 652-3995

Scooter, CelebrityPride, 3-wheel, front and rear baskets, excel cond, \$1,300, Dolores, 633-6739

Scooter, Invacare, fully charged battery, very good cond, BO, Richard, 652-5489

Scooter, Pride Sidekick, 3-wheel, w/crutch/cane holder, excel cond, \$1,000, Rita, 737-4386

Scooter, Lark, 3-wheel, needs batteries, has battery charger, \$600, Shelley, 645-8306

Scooter, Rascal R235, 3-wheel, contact between 9am-1pm, very good cond, \$2,100, Donna, 475-3549

Scooter, Jet III Ultra, 4-wheel, used 6 wks, excel cond, \$1,995 or BO, orig \$6,000, Joseph R, 645-4915

Scooter, Pride Jet 7, 4-wheel, easy to disassemble for transporting, brand new, excel cond, \$1,500 or BO, Moreen, 378-8388

Scooter, Pride Sidekick, 3-wheel, swivel seat, rated for 250 lbs, battery and charger, \$1,200 or BO, Carol, 378-0758

Scooter, Pride Celebrity XL, 4-wheel, front and rear baskets, brand new batteries, excel cond, \$2,000, Rita, 737-4386

Scooter, Pride Celebrity, 3-wheel, head and tail lights, turn signals, built in battery charger, \$1,300, Steven, 292-0508

Scooter, Shoprider, Curb Skipper, 2 yrs old, \$1,000 or BO, Larry, 224-3662

### **Vehicles/Accessories**

2002 Dodge Grand Caravan, 46K miles, automatic side ramp, \$24,599 or BO, Marion, 947-0584

Accessible 2004 Windstar, garage kept, 38K miles, IMS remote ramp, hydraulics, very good cond, \$26,000, Bonnie, 836-5892

Adapted van, 2002 Chevy Express, blue, 35K miles, power lift, tie downs, \$14,000, John, 653-9344

Conversion van, 1985 Ford Econoline, white/blue, less than 90K miles, 5 yr old auto lift, driver's seat adapted for wheelchair, \$3,500 or BO, Cathy, 658-1591

Curbside scooter lift, Bruno, VSL600, rated for 200 lbs, very good cond, \$650, Joann, 422-7418

Lift, Ricon S1132, side lift for van, excel cond, \$2,500 or BO, Nelson, 349-5714

Lift, hitches to back of car, \$300, Lee, 234-7519

Lift, Braun Model 401 U, for conversion van, installs at back door, like new, \$750 or BO, Jim, 994-1458

Minivan w/lowered floor and ramp, Ford, 1995, needs new transmission, muffler needs work to pass inspection, door and ramp are manually working, have all parts to fix door, 80K miles, free, Elizabeth, 731-4251

Scooter/wheelchair lift, Bruno, lifts and swings scooter/wheelchair into vehicle, rated for 300 lbs, may need new motor brushes, very good cond, \$500 or BO, Leanna, 836-0866

Van, 1995, 4 captains chairs, 7 seats, wheelchair accessible, fully equipped, new inspection, TV, VCR, \$7,400, Michael, 678-0802

Van, Ford Econoline, 1992, raised top, 2 yrs old Braun lift and tie-downs to accommodate chair, 113K miles, \$8,500, Joanne, 376-9032

Van, Ford Econoline Club Wagon, 1996, 93K miles, rear loading lift, left hand controls, bench seats available for reinstallation, free, Evalyn, 629-9002

Van, 1994 Dodge Caravan SE, automated Ricon ramp and removable driver's seat, under 38K miles, new paint and tune up in 2003, new air bags to raise and lower van and ramp in 2004, tagged in DE through 12/04, excel cond, \$15,000 or BO, Julie, 475-3615

Wheelchair lift, Braun, for full-sz van w/raised or full cutout door, pick up only, never used, free, Lynne, 697-2507

## **Vision**

CCTV, See-More, 25" monitor, color and B&W, \$1,300, Joanne, 678-3453

Power Braille displays (2), BO, Terry, 994-7984

Telesensory 20" monitor, Panasonic VM600, \$1,000, Andrea, 459-4349

## **Vocational Management**

Plastic index sorter, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Tilt desk, w/bookholder, 10.5x19", beige, free, Sandy, 856-7946

## **Wheelchairs/Accessories**

Daessy assessment tray and mounting kit, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Elevating bracket assembly for 1/2 lapboard, very good cond, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Manual wheelchair, pediatric, Invacare Comet, blue/black, w/tray,

Dynaform vest standard x-small, 1.5" push button center pull pelvic positioning strap, headrest, retractable footplate, 13" seat, 9-16" adj frame depth, 20" fixed-height back, very good cond, free, Mark, 426-1230

Manual wheelchair, Tracer, adult, standard, not lightweight, \$200, Carolyn, 369-9372

Manual wheelchair, Invacare XT9000, 18", black, lightweight, w/leg extensions, very good cond, \$300, Cindy, 475-2904

Manual wheelchair, Zippie, black seat, dark green frame, communication tray, \$200 or BO, Jone, 376-5637

Manual wheelchair, Invacare Action, adult, tilts, ventilator tray, head rest, cushions, never used, \$300, Angela, 834-9374

Power wheelchair w/lift, 2004 Heartway Allure, HP-6 model, rated for 400 lbs, orig \$5,100, will include elevating leg rests, battery charger, Hide and Ride Ultra lift w/wiring harness and 2 bases, all manuals, excel cond, \$4,000 or BO, Tom, 322-5488

Power wheelchair, 1 yr old, used less than 100 hours, excel cond, \$1,500, orig \$5,500, Frank, 652-8748

Power wheelchair, never used, \$3,000 or BO, orig \$6,000, Paul, 654-0950

Power wheelchair, Pride, 2004 Jet III Ultra, red, wide seat, fold up foot plate, center drive wheels, never used, \$2,300 or BO, Christine, 674-2681

Power wheelchair, Invacare M-71, oversize tall, toggle switch for radius turning, grey seat, black base, excel cond, \$2,000 or BO, Jeanie, 658-4238

Power wheelchair, Invacare, 5 yrs old, needs new batteries and clean up, armrest, front small tires, can deliver to New Castle County only, damaged, free, Carol, 994-6908

Power wheelchair, Jazzy, x-large, \$2,500 or BO, Mara, 227-5848

Power wheelchair, Jazzy 1122, x-wide, excel cond, \$5,000 or BO, Nelson, 349-5714

Power wheelchair, Hoverround, rated for 350-450 lbs, hand control is off track, goes 25 miles on a charge, free, Sharon, 875-9313

Power wheelchair, Jet III, never used, \$2,800 or BO, Millicent, 836-4666

Power wheelchair, Challenger 1500, never used, \$2,500, Sonja, 856-1081

Power wheelchair, Jet 7, adj speed, on-board battery charger, never used, free, Seymour, 652-6818

Power wheelchair, Jet 1, Pride Mobility, joystick, small turning radius, rated for 350 lbs, never used, \$2,400 or BO, John, 539-7179

Power wheelchair, Pronto M71, delivered new on 12/19/03, excel cond, \$5,000, Fred, 410-334-3777

Power wheelchair, Bruno, tan cloth seat, black vinyl armrests, includes 10-12' track, powerback battery charger, excel cond, BO, orig \$3,000, Jonathan, 395-9976

Power wheelchair, Ranger II, adult, never used, needs batteries, \$700, Don, 410-723-5272

Power wheelchair, Invacare power base, labec recline, needs joystick and very minor repair, runs well, 20" seat, \$500 or BO, Jamie, 678-4807

Power wheelchair, Jazzy 1143, brand new, black chair and base, controller, batteries, onboard charger, foot pad, will deliver in DE and other nearby places, excel cond, \$3,000 or BO, James, 831-8615

Power wheelchair, Jet III, used once, fully equipped, \$3,000 or BO, orig \$6,294, Earline, 777-3201 (leave message on answering machine)

Power wheelchair, Quickie, adult, extra battery, supportive cushion for prevention of skin breakdown, \$1,200, Genevieve, 999-9563

Power wheelchair, Jet, adult, solid wheels, designed for indoor use, turns on a dime, 2 yrs old, excel cond, \$1,650, Lee, 234-7519

Power wheelchair, Pronto M71, adult, blue bottom, joystick on left (can switch to right), \$3,000, Christopher, 284-9393 (let phone ring)

Power wheelchair, Jay, adult, 6 yrs old, right hand joystick, 2 gel cell batteries, \$1,000 or BO, Deb, 934-9801

Power wheelchair, Action Ranger 9000, adult, standard, right hand controls, 4 yrs old, air cushion, chest strap, seat belt, back tires have air w/inner tubes, extra tubes, new batteries, \$1,500, Robert, 266-0994 or 438-1032

Power wheelchair, Jazzy 1116, free, Beth, 225-1451

Power wheelchair, Jazzy 1133, \$2,500 or BO, Beth, 225-1451

Wheelchair carrier, Braun, L700X, chair topper, excel cond, free, John, 674-3576

Wheelchair elevating arm tray kit, right or left side, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Wheelchair lift, ascends about 5', no gate at bottom of lift, free, Joseph, 653-7280

Wheelchair positioning safety support, Tumble Form, orange, 20x6", free, Sandy, 856-7946

Wheelchair positioning support aid, ties down, blue, free, Sandy, 856-7946

Wheelchair pushing cuffs, pediatric, free, Sandy, 856-7946

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### **Items Being Sought**

Adapted van, for passenger, prefer full-sz van, will entertain any van at a reasonable price, JP, 856-935-6652

Adult transfer belt, large w/loops, Brian, 628-7833

AlphaSmart, Karin, 653-1433

AlphaSmart 2000, looking to purchase 1 or 2, Denise, 571-0230

Cane w/fold down seat, Frank, 856-2838

Computer, Susan, 3645-2969

Computer, Miltrez, 328-6240

Dynabeam, for use w/series 3100 Dynamyte, Karen, 672-7028

Easy pivot lift, Sally or Julie, 855-9815

Gait trainer, Rifton, pediatric, small 17.25-26", Amy, 424-1770

Hospital table, Sonja, 856-1081

Hospital table, Ruth, 422-5294

Hospital table, Linda, 994-3788

Knee immobilizer, pediatric, Stephanie, 654-5244

Lift chair, wide, Ronald or Wilma, 698-1233

Light weight wheelchair, under 20 lbs, foldable, Raymond, 475-6559

Manual wheelchair, Dottie, 324-4444

Manual wheelchair, Myla, 326-1674

Minivan, Chevy or Ford Windstar, Paulette, 328-2011

Pediatric gurney, for use in the shower, reasonable price, Suzanne, 633-0234

Perkins Braille writer, reasonable price, Joanne, 678-3453

Power scooter, Jennifer, 610-259-2395

Reciprocal walker, will pay reasonable price, Dora, 798-1650

Recliner, assist person w/disability to standing position, Miltrez, 328-6240

Rifton pediatric gait trainer, small 17.5-26", Stacey, 651-6019

Shower chair, Samantha, 349-5018

Shower chair w/back and wheels, Jennifer, 367-5690

Stroller, rated for 150 lbs, Bonnie, 644-7235

TTD w/built in answering machine, Brenda, 529-5858

Talking scale for weighing person, will pay reasonable price, Verita, 674-5949

Tricycle, for 11 yr old, Rifton Rustler or equivalent, Carl, 477-1709

Toilet seat, elevated, Samantha, 349-5018

Vail bed, Karen, 996-0750

Vehicle lift that fits on recessed lift, need to haul scooter/power chair, Darlene, 492-0479

Walker w/seat, Mamie, 322-8112

Wheelchair lift, for van, Leonard, 933-0122

Wheelchair lift, to attach to back of car, John, 684-2642

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Press

#1 for English or

#2 for Spanish,

then press

#3 for the Central Site office

#4 for the New Castle County ATRC

#5 for the Kent County ATRC

#6 for the Sussex County ATRC

TDD callers: Do not press #1 or #2 and your call will be answered on a TDD line at the Central Site office.

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Easter Seals of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore  
61 Corporate Circle, Corporate Commons  
New Castle, DE 19720-2405  
(302) 328-ATRC; (302) 328-2905 (TDD)

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